

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on January 26, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 196, 1/21/2015; HB 248, 1/21/2015; HB 303, 1/23/2015

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 303

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 303, Revise laws related to recall petitions for school board members.

00:02:45 Rep. Essmann entered

00:03:07 Rep. Hertz entered

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:30 Rep. Kelker

00:04:55 Rep. Curdy

00:05:22 Rep. Kelker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:41 Rep. Curdy

00:05:53 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:03 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 248, Revise contracting laws for community colleges.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:48 Rep. Essmann

00:08:08 Rep. Salomon entered

00:08:38 Rep. Holmlund

00:09:17 Rep. Essmann

00:09:31 Rep. Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:40 Rep. Holmlund
 00:10:02 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 196**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:07 Rep. Susan Webber (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 196, Generally revise laws related to tribal colleges and other community colleges.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:43 Rep. Smith, HD 31
 00:15:18 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, SD 2, Little Big Horn College (LBHC), Chief Dull Knife College (CDKC), American Indian Caucus (AIC)
 00:16:44 Sen. Whitford, SD 8, Blackfeet Community College (BCC), Salish Kootenai College (SKC)
 00:18:45 Rep. Kipp, HD 15
 00:21:07 Rep. McClafferty exit
 00:21:57 Jason Smith, Director, Governors Office of Indian Affairs (OIA)
 00:22:19 Laura John, State Tribal Policy Specialist, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

EXHIBIT(edh17a01)

00:24:45 Clarena M. Brockie, Dean of Students, Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC)

EXHIBIT(edh17a02)

00:28:29 Sarah Green, student at Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC)
 00:32:07 Alana Gunderson, student at Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC)
 00:35:10 Linda Miller, student at Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC)
 00:37:41 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
 00:38:34 Robert DePoe, President, Salish and Kootenai College (SKC)

EXHIBIT(edh17a03)

00:41:15 Sen. Windy Boy, SD 16, on behalf of president of Stone Child College (SCC)
 00:42:32 Kayla Johnson, student at Salish Kootenai College (SKC)

00:44:49 Brandon Dunkerson, student of Salish Kootenai College (SKC)
 00:48:06 James Ives, student at Salish Kootenai College (SKC)
 00:50:27 Kathryn McDonald, student at Salish Kootenai College (SKC)
 00:52:11 Brad Hall, Institutional Researcher, Blackfeet Community College (BCC); also on behalf of BCC President Dr. Billie Jo Kipp

EXHIBIT(edh17a04)

00:55:35 Joe McDonald, Past President, Salish Kootenai College (SKC)
 00:57:29 Alissa Snow, Western Native Voice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:58:28 Kevin McRae, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System (MUS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:18 Rep. Meyers
01:00:48 Kevin McRae, MUS
01:01:17 Rep. B. Bennett
01:01:41 Rep. Webber
01:03:22 Rep. B. Bennett
01:03:44 Rep. Webber
01:04:21 Rep. Kelker
01:05:06 Rep. Webber
01:05:49 Rep. Kelker
01:06:25 Laura John, MBPC
01:06:47 Rep. Funk
01:07:17 Laura John, MBPC
01:07:22 Rep. Funk
01:07:43 Laura John, MBPC
01:08:18 Rep. Hertz
01:08:41 Kevin McRae, MUS
01:10:08 Rep. Hertz
01:10:16 Kevin McRae, MUS
01:10:28 Rep. Meyers
01:10:58 Laura John, MBPC
01:11:15 Rep. Meyers
01:11:24 Laura John, MBPC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:31 Rep. Webber

01:12:09 Chair Laszloffy
01:12:48 Rep. Funk
01:12:54 Chair Laszloffy
01:13:10 Rep. Kelker

[EXHIBIT\(edh17a05\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:13:57

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh17aad.pdf](#))